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Case No. 2842/3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Anticipated Classification of This Application: Class
Subclass

Prior Application: Examiner U. WINKLER Art Unit 1648

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation under
37 C.F.R. 1.53b, of pending prior Application Serial Number
09/246,787 filed on February 8, 1999 of Leanna M. Levine and
Mihaly V. Toth, entitled FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION METHOD FOR
DETERMINING PROTEASE ACTIVITY.

[X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including
the Oath of Declaration as originally filed October 21, 1994.
I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of
said prior application as originally filed on October 21,
1994.

[] Cancel in this application, original Claims _____ of the
prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least
one original, independent claim must be retained for filing
purposes)

[X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first
line the sentence: --This is a continuation of application
Serial No. 09/246,787, filed February 8, 1999 which is a
continuation of application Serial No. 08/867,258 filed June
2, 1997, which is a continuation of application Serial No.
08/327,170, filed October 21, 1994. --

[] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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[] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. ANOTHER DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED FOR FILING IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION FILE.

[X] New formal drawings are enclosed.

[] Priority of Application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

[] The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior Application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

[X] The prior application is assigned of record to G.D. Searle & Co., P.O. Box 5110, Chicago, Illinois 60680.

[X] The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Joseph W. Bullock, Registration Number 37,103.

[X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

[X] Enclosed is an Associate Power of Attorney from J. Timothy Keane to James M. Warner.

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